City of Goodland

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Newsletter for November 2021

City Offices will be <u>closed</u>

November 11th in observance of Veterans

Day and <u>closed November 25th and 26th</u>

for Thanksgiving.



Don't forget to vote in the General Election on November 2nd.

> Election Polls are located at the Wolak Building 1006 Center from 7am—7pm(MT)

**Early votes may be placed through
November 1st by 12pm, at the County Clerk's
Office, Room 102 of the
Sherman County Courthouse.
(Regular hours are 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm)



Looking for a way to get involved in the community? Consider filling a position on our Cemetery Board.

A Board Interest Form may be obtained from the City Office at 204 W. 11th St. or online at www.goodlandks.gov





Information for Upcoming Election

The City Commission held a Special Meeting on Monday, October 25, to discuss the upcoming ballot proposal by Sherman County. The ballot proposal asks if Sherman County should be authorized to impose a 1% sales tax to pay for county road improvements. The collection of the tax would start upon the expiration of an existing sales tax for similar purposes expected to be complete on July 1, 2023. It would be in place for the next 20 years.

The City of Goodland wants to remind you of the following points:

- The ballot proposal would eliminate any revenues to be dedicated to road projects within the City of Goodland.
- Those in favor of the proposal state that it is just a continuation of the current tax. It continues a tax for road improvements; however, the recipients have changed. The City of Goodland receives nothing from this tax proposal. The tax becomes a county tax for county road projects.
- The ballot proposal lists specific projects and does not allow any changes to the list no matter what circumstances change over the next 20 years.
- Without this funding source, the City of Goodland would have a
 decision whether to put an additional sales tax on a future
 ballot or raise property taxes to replace the funding for road
 projects within the City or decide to reduce spending to fix or
 maintain roads.
- If the result of the vote on this proposal is "no", then there is still time to prepare a different proposal.
- Costs to build, fix and maintain roads continues to increase.
 Both the county and the city are struggling to properly maintain the road network that we all use to travel to work, school, shop and then back home.

The City Commission thanks you for your consideration as you head to the voting booth this coming Tuesday, November 2. For additional information, presentation slides are available at: www.goodlandks.gov

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Kent Brown, City Manager P: 785-890-4500

City of Goodland Welcomes New City Manager

On September 20, 2021 the Goodland City Commission voted 4-0 to approve the contract for the future City Manager, Kent Brown. Kent will start work on October 25, 2021.

Kent has had significant experience leading similar-sized communities in both Kansas and Colorado. He has served as Administrator/City Manager at Clearwater, Kansas; Milliken, Colorado; and most recently in Georgetown, Colorado. He had also served as the City Clerk in the City of Ulysses.

Some of the experience that made him such an attractive candidate, includes significant infrastructure and economic development activities and experience. Brown was heavily involved in a development in Georgetown that includes a hotel, brewery pub, townhomes, and apartments. He completed significant-improvements to water and wastewater treatment plants, fulfilling capacity and environmental requirements in both Milliken and Georgetown. Kent also has significant experience in the expansion of water rights, lines, and storage towers in his previous communities. He worked a specific ballot issue in Georgetown for a ½ cent sales tax increase for park maintenance and improvements and was involved in the completion of an additional ½ mile of the Milliken Johnstown Trail. While in Clearwater, Kent developed a city industrial/ business park, funded and built a certified emergency storm shelter, and constructed a new aquatic facility with established funding agreements. He maintained those operations for over a decade. Kent was also involved in numerous community projects through the local Chamber of Commerce and the Clearwater Community Foundation.

We are excited to welcome Kent to our community!!!

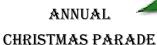




Join Us for the First Annual Downtown Holiday Event!

- Visit Santa at Santa's Schoolhouse High Plains Museum
 - Victorian Holiday Celebration Ennis-Handy House
 - Visit Santa's Workshop at the Goodland Arts Center
 - Holiday Cinema at Sherman Theatre
 - Hayrides and Main St. Stroll

NOVEMBER 27th and DECEMBER 4th - More details to come! Watch for flyers and follow the Go Goodland Facebook page.



Saturday November 20th @ 5:30pm (Date and time are subject to change, pending inclement weather.)

(Line-up starts at 5:00pm)

The parade will start at 17th and Main St. and travel down Main St. to the Goodland Activities Center (GAC).

*To enter floats in the parade, please contact Linda Rumpel at 785-899-6565 or stop by Yost Farm Supply for a float application.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!